

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for grant funds under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act of 2009, approved February 27, 2009, Title XIII of Division A and Title IV of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5, §§ 13001-424, 123 Stat. 226) and the Health Information Technology Implementation Advanced Planning Document Update (IAPD-U) approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 3, 2018.

The Director of DHCF has authority pursuant to the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code 7-771.05(4) (2012 Repl.) to make grant funds available to help develop a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective health care system for the District's uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents. The funds for this grant, titled the "Community Resource Information Exchange Technical Solution (CoRIE) Development Grant" are being made available through federal financial participation funds.

DHCF plans to issue one (1) grant to one (1) qualified applicant to develop and implement a CoRIE technical solution that facilitates use of a community resource inventory. This solution must facilitate bi-directional exchange and be integrated within local or regional health information exchange (HIE). The technical solution should allow participating entities to support person-centered care for Medicaid beneficiaries by: screening for social service needs; referring beneficiaries to social services; monitoring, tracking and filing follow-ups after referrals; and analyzing population-level referral data. The solution shall utilize a Community Resource Inventory (CRI) developed under a separate grant recently awarded to the D.C. Primary Care Association. The CRI will be complete on or before September 30, 2019. The applicant shall also provide tailored technical assistance and training so that system users understand and can integrate CoRIE into local workflows and successfully implement the system to facilitate transitions of care, referrals to social service organizations, and improve outcomes during the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements: Each eligible applicant must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be organized under the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act (D.C. Official Code, sec. 29-401 *et seq.*) or organized as a Non-Profit organization in the jurisdiction where the entity is incorporated.
2. Have the authority to enter into an agreement with DHCF and be in compliance with applicable District of Columbia laws and regulations.
3. Be a registered organization in good standing with the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Corporation Division, the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR), the Department of Employment Services (DOES), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and demonstrate Clean Hands certification at the time of application.
4. Be an HIE entity; defined as a unit that creates or maintains an infrastructure that provides organizational and technical capabilities in an interoperable system to enable the secure,

electronic exchange of health-related information among participating organizations not under common ownership.

5. Be a HIE entity operating in the District to facilitate patient care for District residents through the secure electronic exchange of health-related information. To demonstrate compliance with the requirement, an applicant must be identified as a HIE entity in the State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP) or submit proof of HIE activities and contractual relationships. Applicants identified in the 2018 [SMHP](#) as an HIE entity should cite the SMHP and provide a brief description of HIE services currently offered in the District in their application. Applicants not identified in the SMHP must provide in their application legally-binding supportive documentation that their HIE entity:
 - a. Is operational in the District as of January 1, 2016;
 - b. Facilitates patient care for District residents by creating or maintaining an infrastructure that provides organizational and technical capabilities in an interoperable system to enable the secure, electronic exchange of health-related information among participating organizations not under common ownership; and
 - c. Connects to existing HIE entities identified in the SMHP.

Total Grant Funding and Period of Performance: The amount not-to-exceed anticipated for this grant is displayed below and is subject to the availability of funds each grant year:

Grant Period	Not to Exceed Amount (Subject to Availability of Funds)
Date of Award to September 30, 2019 (Base Year)	\$1,000,000
October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020 (Option Year 1)	\$2,000,000
October 1, 2020- September 30, 2021 (Option Year 2)	\$2,000,000

Request for Applications (RFA) Release Date and Amendments: The RFA will be released on or around July 19, 2019. The application package will be available online at <http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse> and the DHCF website (<https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/dhcf-grant-opportunities>). Hard copies of the application package may be obtained at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk daily from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Pre-Proposal Conference: DHCF will hold a pre-proposal conference on July 23, 2019 at 2pm at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, on the 10th floor, Main St Conference Room. Prospective applicants must provide an email address to DHCF to receive notification of amendments or clarifications to the RFA.

Application Submission Deadline: Completed applications must be received on or before 4:00 pm ET on August 19, 2019. Applications must be submitted in hard copy and in-person at DHCF, 441 4th St. N.W., Ste 900S, Washington, D.C. 20001, 9th floor reception desk. No applications will be accepted after the submission deadline.

For additional information regarding this NOFA, please contact DaShawn Groves, Lead Project Manager, DHCF, Health Care Reform and Innovation Administration at dashawn.groves@dc.gov or at 202-442-8956.